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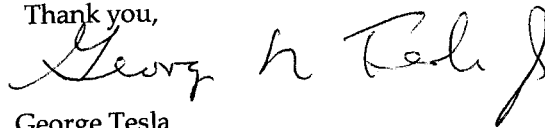
Dear Air Board:

I have lived and worked in the Alexandria area since 1975. Although I don't work at the Mirant power plant, it is imperative for many in the city because of the jobs it supplies. The plant is also important to Alexandria because of the energy it provides to the Atlantic grid. Instead of working against the plant, the Virginia Air Board should work with it so it can continue helping our community. The plant's proposed stack merge is an important step in making sure it stays in compliance with federal and state regulations concerning air quality.

Many people opposed to keeping the plant open would like to see condominiums replace the plant. By bringing even more residents to the area, Alexandria's need for Mirant would be even greater. Condos can be built in another part of the city. Mirant needs to remain in place to supply new condos and existing homes with the energy they need. Please keep the best interests of our community in mind when deciding on the stack merge proposal.

Thank you for your time and decision to do what's best for Alexandria. The Mirant Power Plant is a business our community has grown around and will continue to in the years ahead. Families depend on the plant's production, and by not approving of the stack merge the community will suffer. I ask that the Virginia Air Board does not hinder the process needed to obtain the permit.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Tesla". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

George Tesla